DELWARE VALLEY
MINORITY STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT CONSORTIUM

2008-09
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

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In May 2004 the Penn Center for Educational Leadership in the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania, in collaboration with the School District of Cheltenham Township, and in partnership with the Pennsylvania Department of Education, initiated a project for developing and sustaining a regional network of suburban school districts that would be committed to working together to enhance the achievement and well-being of all students.

In our work together over the past four years, we have continuously seek to measurably and appreciably reduce the disparities in achievement and educational engagement between African American and Hispanic students and their White and Asian peers both within and among our collective Consortium districts. Our energies have focused on addressing and changing district and school policies and practices that will know will positively enhance educational excellence and at the same time demonstrate more equitable educational outcomes for all students.

In our fifth year in we are a tri-state initiative that has affirmed the commitment and engagement of 27 regional school districts and three county intermediate units in southeastern Pennsylvania, southwestern New Jersey and northern Delaware that are willing to:

- acknowledge the nature of their achievement and opportunity to learn gaps,
- actively collaborate with other Consortium districts to discover, propose, and implement organizational and instructional strategies that will measurably close the gaps, and actively change school/district structures and practices that reinforce the gaps,
- develop annual plans to address local system-wide goals for closing the gaps, and share promising effective practices with one another

Our Consortium districts have been dedicated to supporting one another in collectively understanding at the big-picture district level reflecting on and responding to:

- the complex interaction of student-teacher instruction and personal relationships, students' home, school and community experiences,
- district/school/classroom structures and policies that support and/or inhibit increasing the number of students of color among the districts' "best and brightest," and
- how districts individually and collectively might begin to reduce their observed gaps.
SEPTEMBER

23  Research and Data Task Force  9-11:30  ROOM 502  3440 Market
23  HS and MS Student Leadership Institute Planning Committee  Noon-3:00  ROOM 502  3440 Market
24  School Counselor-Pupil Services Task Force  Noon-3:00  ROOM 502  3440 Market
25  Recruitment and Retention Task Force  9-11:30  ROOM 502  3440 Market
25  Family-Community-School Partnership Task Force  Noon-3:00  ROOM 502  3440 Market

OCTOBER

16 & 17 CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP SEMINAR  8:30-2:30  Conf Center  3440 Market

“Effectively Addressing the Disproportionate Representation of Our Students of Color in Special Education-Part 1”

Dr. Eddie Fergus, Director of Research and Evaluation and Project Director for the Technical Assistance Center on Disproportionality
Metro Center for Urban Education  Steinhardt School of Education
New York University
New York, NY

21 ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY SCHOOL DISTRICT VISITATION  (REGISTER ONLY THROUGH DR.JARVIS)
23 SCHOOL BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT SEMINAR/WORKSHOP  6:00-8:30pm  Conf Center  3440 Market

“Mobilizing the Community to Help Students Succeed”

Hugh Price, Visiting Professor of Public and International Affairs, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University, and Former President of the Urban League, Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institute
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8:30-Noon Conf Center 3440 Market

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SUPERINTENDENTS STEERING COMMITTEE

Noon-3:00 ROOM 501 3440 Market

NOVEMBER

FALL CONFERENCE

8:30-3:00 University City Sheraton Hotel

“Keeping Our Eye On The Dream”

Keynote: "In Search Of The Dream: Schools And Classrooms That Work For High Potential Students From Diverse Cultural Backgrounds"

Dr. Donna Ford, Professor of Special Education and Co-Director of the Vanderbilt Closing the Achievement Gap Project
Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

Presenters:

- Dr. Donna Ford, Vanderbilt University, Full Day Workshop, “Facilitating Culturally Responsive Classrooms and Schools”
- Dr. Kelley Kenney and Mark Kenney, Kutztown University- “Addressing the Unique Developmental Needs of Our Multiracial Students”
- Barbara Spencer Dunn, Association for the Study of African American Life and History, “Teaching the Truth: Strengthening African American Student Success and Promoting Racial Understanding Among All Ethnic Groups”
- Scott Weinstein, Anne Spector, Dr. Jill Clark, Cheltenham School District, “Accessing Our Students’ Voices: Moving From Students To Student Leaders”
- Ken Kelman and Morrisville High School Student Leaders, “We May Not Be Who You Think We Are”
FALL CONFERENCE
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University City Sheraton Hotel

Keynote: “Racial Politics And The Elusive Quest For Excellence And Equity In Education”
Dr. Pedro Noguera, Professor of Teaching And Learning
Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development And Executive Director, Metropolitan Center for Urban Education
Co-Director of the Institute for the Study of Globalization and Education in Metropolitan Settings (IGEMS)
Steinhardt School of Education
New York University
New York, NY

Presenters:

- Jamie Virga and District Administrator Team, Montgomery County Maryland Public Schools, Full Day Workshop, “Raising Achievement and Narrowing The Gaps in Montgomery County, MD”
- Dr. Pedro Noguera, New York University, “A Continuing Dialog”
- Dr. Bonnie Botel-Sheppard, Dr. Mort Botel, and Lisa Chavenson, Penn Literacy Network, “Academic Fitness for All Students: A Parent and Tutor Workshop Program (Grades K-4)”
- Dr. Michael Nakkula, PennGSE, “From Prevention To ‘Invention’: Promoting Optimal Development For All Students”
- Dr. Elliot Seif, Dennis Barnebey and School Principals- “What Works? A Look At Seven District of Philadelphia Elementary Schools That Beat the Odds”
- Allison Michael and Carolyn Michael, PennGSE and East Harlem NY School, “Reflection Into Action: Next Steps for White Educators”
- Dr. Michael Nakkula, PennGSE, “Adolescent Development For Educators: Using Contemporary Multicultural Research To Inform Professional Development for Teachers And School Administrators”
- Dr. Bonnie Botel-Sheppard and Holly Cohen, Penn Literacy Network, “Inclusive Literacy-Rich Experiences For Diverse Learners (Grades K-8)”
- Dr. Deborah Schussler, Villanova University, “School Care: What Is It and How Do We Foster It”
- Dr. Howard Stevenson and Dr. Duane Thomas, “Can We Talk? Developing Racial and Academic Stress Management and Negotiation Skills For Black Middle and High Schoolers”

Keynote: “Achieving Racial Equity And Excellence In Our Public Education Systems”
Glenn Singleton, Executive Director
Pacific Educational Group
San Francisco, CA
FALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

“Power Up Your Future”

Welcome: Dr. James Roebuck, PA House of Representatives, House Education Committee Chair

Keynote: “Unlock the Power Within You”  Mawi Asgedom, Youth Educator and Author
Chicago, IL

Presenters:
- Mawi Asgedom, Youth Educator and Author, “Mental Karate: The Most Important Thing About You Is The Way You Think”
- Dr. Crystal Lucky, Villanova University, “Ethnic Notions Of Mind: African American Stereotypes and Cultural Leadership”
- Christo Johnson, Educator and Author, “The Power Of The Spoken Word”
- Barry Broughton & Tyrone Edwards, Wissahickon School District Parent Leaders, “Team It”
- Dr. Barbara Moore Williams, Educational Consultant, “Habits For A Successful Journey Through The Teen Years”
- Rev. Dr. Alyn Waller, Pastor, “Nothing Is Impossible”
- Jaye Pedante and Springfield High School Student Leadership Team, “Lessons we Have Learned: Finding And Making Time For Success”

DECEMBER

FALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

“Embrace Your Culture: Embrace Your Success”

Keynote: “I Will Determine My Own Greatness”  Salome Thomas-EL, Author, Principal, Russell Byers Charter School, Philadelphia, PA

Welcome: Dr. James Roebuck, PA House of Representatives, House Education Committee Chair
Presenters:
- Dr. Crystal Lucky, Villanova University, “Watching Yourself Being Watched: School Communities & The Challenge Of Ethnic Stereotypes”
- Honorable Renee Hughes, Judge, “Taking Life’s Curveballs And Knocking Them Out Of The Park”
- Hector Lopez, Associate VP, National Hispanic Institute, “The Will & Desire To Succeed: A Personal Story Of The American Dream”
- Dr. Stephen Jones, Villanova University, “Seven Secrets Of How To Study: Mapping Your Strategy For Better Grades”
- Laura Reddick, Temple University & Dr. Doreen Loury, Arcadia University, “Thinking About & Getting Into Your College Of Choice Now”

11 NJ MINORITY EDUCATOR NETWORKING EVENT 5:30-7:30 Malberg Admin Bldg Cherry Hill Public Schools

11 & 12 CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP SEMINAR 8:30-2:30 Conference Center 3440 Market

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JANUARY

13&15 CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP SEMINAR 8:30-2:30 Conference Center 3440 Market

“Culturally Proficient Leadership: The Personal Journey Begins Within”

Dr. Ray Terrell, Assistant Dean for Research and Diversity
Miami University of Ohio
Oxford, OH

Dr. Randall Lindsey, Emeritus Professor
California State University, Los Angeles
Los Angeles, CA
SCHOOL COUNSELOR AND PRINCIPAL CLOSING THE GAP INSTITUTE  
8:30-3:00  
Conference Center  
3440 Market

"Building Equitable Schools: Culturally Competent School Counselors as Leaders and Advocates"

Pat Martin, Assistant Vice President  
National Office for School Counselor Advocacy  
The College Board  
Washington, DC

Dr. Vivian Lee, Higher Education School Counselor Specialist  
National Office for School Counselor Advocacy  
The College Board  
Washington, DC

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CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP SEMINAR  
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Conf Center  
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"Eight Powerful Factors For Engaging ALL Students In Their Own Learning"
Dr. Paul Vermette, Professor of Education
College of Education
Niagara University, NY

16 RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION TASK FORCE  9-11:30  Room 502  3440 Market

MARCH

7 ANNUAL MINORITY EDUCATOR RECRUITMENT FAIR  9:00-1:00  Conference Center  3440 Market

13 SPRING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE  8:30-2:30  University City Sheraton Hotel

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  o Marlon Smith, Success By Choice, “Living and Leading With Purpose”
  o Hector Lopez, National Hispanic Institute, “The Will & Desire To Succeed: A Personal Story Of The American Dream”
  o Marshall Mitchell, Different Drummer Marketing, “Your Skills, Yourself, Your Future...”
  o Salome Thomas-EL, Author and Principal, “Follow The Leader”
  o Andrea Lawful-Trainer and Robyn Tucker, “Code Switching Or Keeping It Real: A Conversation On Standard English Vs Ethnic Slang And How It May Affect You”
  o Lynne Partridge, Andrea Wilson-Harvey, Jason Fritz, Lower Merion School District “The Art And Science Of Teaching: Thinking About Teaching As A Career”

16 ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NY SCHOOL DISTRICT VISITATION  (REGISTER ONLY THROUGH DR. JARVIS)

17 FAMILY-COMMUNITY-SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP TASK FORCE  Noon-3:00  Room 502  3440 Market
### Closing the Achievement Gap Seminar

#### "Facilitating Authentic Community Collaboration That Empowers Families Of Our Diverse Students"

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Mr. Cortlandt Butts, Regional Director, Family and Community Empowerment
Pacific Educational Group
Minneapolis, MN

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#### "Intellectually Challenging Teaching in Multicultural Classrooms"

Dr. Christine Sleeter, Professor Emeritus, Teacher Education Department
California State University- Monterey Bay
Monterey, CA

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MAY

7   CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP SEMINAR  8:30-2:30  Conf Center  3440 Market

“Multicultural Education: Creating Culturally Relevant and Equitable Learning Environments for ALL Students”

Dr. Paul Gorski, Assistant Professor in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, George Mason University and President-Elect, National Association for Multicultural Education
Fairfax, VA

14   DVMSAC AND COLLEGE BOARD DISTRICT LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM  8:30-2:30   University City Sheraton Hotel

“Closing The Achievement Gaps: A Continuing School District Leadership Imperative”

(REGISTER THROUGH THE COLLEGE BOARD)

KEYNOTES

“Racial Politics And The Elusive Quest For Excellence And Equity In Education”

Dr. Pedro Noguera, Professor of Teaching And Learning, School of Culture, Education, and Human Development Executive Director, Metropolitan Center for Urban Education
Steinhart School of Education   New York University
New York, NY

“The Critical Role of District Superintendent Leadership in Closing the Achievement Gaps”
Dr. Deborah Jewell-Sherman, Senior Lecturer and Recent Superintendent in Richmond, VA Public Schools and VA Superintendent of the Year
Graduate School of Education   Harvard University
Cambridge, MA

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

“A Continuing Dialog With Pedro Noguera”
Dr. Pedro Noguera, New York University

“Regional School District Collaboration for Promoting Equity and Closing the Gaps”
Dr. Robert L. Jarvis, Director, DVMSAC, University of Pennsylvania
Dr. Roseann Nyiri, Superintendent, Springfield Township School District
Dr. Christopher McGinley, Superintendent, Lower Merion School District

“Leadership Lessons From Urban And Suburban Superintendents Who Are Walking The Equity Walk”
Dr. William Johnson, Superintendent, Rockville Centre NY Schools
Dr. Judith Johnson, Superintendent, Peekskill City NY Schools

“Creating A College-Going Culture For Minority Students In Our Secondary Schools”
Dr. Shelly Schneider, Superintendent, Millville NJ Public School District
Beth Davis, Literacy Coach, Lakeside Middle School
With Identified District Teachers and Students

“All That Is Known: Combating 21st Century Issues”
Connie Leech
Rochester City School District
Rochester, NY
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Member School Districts and Affiliate Member County Intermediate Units

Abington School District
Amy Sichel, Superintendent
Abington, PA

Bensalem Township School District
James Lombardo, Superintendent
Bensalem, PA

Brandywine School District
James Scanton, Superintendent
Claymont, DE

Bristol Township School District
Ellen Budman, Superintendent
Levittown, PA

Centennial School District
Sandy Homel, Acting Superintendent
Warminster, PA

Cheltenham Township School District
William Kiefer, Superintendent
Elkins Park, PA

Cherry Hill Public Schools
David Campbell, Superintendent
Cherry Hill, NJ

Collingswood School District
Scott Oswald, Superintendent
Collingswood, NJ

Hatboro-Horsham School District
William Lessa, Superintendent
Horsham, PA

Kennett Consolidated School District
Rudy Karkosak, Superintendent
Kennett Square, PA

Lindenwold Public Schools
Geraldine Carroll, Superintendent
Lindenwold, NJ

Lenape Regional School District
Emily Capella, Superintendent
Shamong, NJ

Lower Merion School District
Christopher McGinley, Superintendent
Ardmore, PA

Methacton School District
Tim Quinn, Superintendent
Eagleville, PA

Mooresville Township Public Schools
Robert Hassler, Superintendent
Lansdale, PA

Morrisville Borough School District
Elizabeth Yonson, Superintendent
Morrisville, PA

Norristown Area School District
Janet Samuels, Superintendent
Norristown, PA

North Penn School District
Robert Hassler, Superintendent
Lansdale, PA

Perkiomen Valley School District
Cliff Rogers, Superintendent
Collegeville, PA

Princeton Regional Schools
Judith Wilson, Superintendent
Princeton, NJ

Rose Tree Media School District
Denise Kerr, Superintendent
Media, PA

Springfield School District
James Capalupo, Superintendent
Springfield, PA

Springfield Township School District
Roseann Nyiri, Superintendent
Oreland, PA

Upper Dublin School District
Michael Pladus, Superintendent
Maple Glen, PA

Upper Merion School District
Melissa Jamula, Superintendent
King of Prussia, PA

Wissahickon School District
Judith Clark, Superintendent
Ambler, PA

West Chester Area School District
Linda Antonowich, Interim Superintendent
West Chester, PA

West Windsor-Plainsboro School District
Victoria Kniewel, Superintendent
Princeton Junction, NJ

Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22
Barry Gallasso, Executive Director
Doylestown, PA

Chester County Intermediate Unit # 24
Joe O’Brien, Executive Director
Downingtown, PA

Delaware County Intermediate Unit #25
Lawrence O’Shea, Executive Director
Morton, PA